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HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 1904.

The ascription to "Continental Masonry" of responsibility for the present rupture of the relations of France and the Vatican seems to us unwarranted. France, the hotbed of ideas and ideals, is ever ready to sacrifice its own peace and harmony for the sake of either; and France is at present imbued with the idea that it is priest-ridden. We need not enter into the various causes of this belief, since we purpose dealing more usefully, we hope, with the side issue raised by a northern contemporary which had ascribed a Freemason origin to the recent actions of M. Combes and his confrères. Whether it is that the staff of our contemporary includes a new, and so enthusiastic, recruit of one of Shanghai's numerous Lodges, or whether it was sheer temerity that prompted the *N.C. Daily News* to rush into an editorial defence of Freemasonry, we do not know. Dealing with *The X Rays in Freemasonry*, by A. COWAN, our contemporary endorses the suggestion (first made by the author) by quoting Papal attacks on Masonry to show that the Masons are justified in "hitting back." In defending Masons, our contemporary has offended Roman Catholics, by such comments as this: "Freedom, liberty of worship and of thought, truth, and, above all, light: these are the teachings which Rome abhors unless they are tinged with the colours which she so skilfully infuses into them. It was for seeking truth in his own way that the Mason was damned." The immediate result was a long-letter accusing our contemporary of quoting "in a garbled manner," and hurling something like a thousand denunciatory words at the Society which claims so many

Lodges and members in the Far East. Before more ceremony is imported into this unfortunate moot-case, we would fain acquire some of the merit that falls to the peacemaker. Here is a passage which extorted the ire of our contemporary: "Truth does not exist in Masonry or in any of those who fill the highest grades in the order. In the sect itself, lying, deceit, and perfidy are the sovereign rulers; and these pretended virtues are simply put forward as a mask to blind men of honour and good faith, and to induce them to join a body of persons whose principles they would abhor if they knew what they really were. In truth I hereby declare that Freemasonry is an institution the scope of which is to undermine and destroy every form of religion, and especially the Catholic faith, and to try and substitute thereto a diabolical worship and the restoration of humanity to primitive paganism." In reproof whereof, and commenting that it seems to be "stretching the amenities of debate rather too much," our contemporary probably thought to reduce the tension by attributing to the Pope and his Church an antipathy to "truth, and, above all, light." If our duty as peacemaker could be done by showing the faults of both sides, it were easily done. We could suggest that the Masonic respect for Light is scarcely consistent with hiding it under the expensive bushel of a secret society, making it inaccessible to the majority of mankind; and we could narrate an anecdote illustrative of masonic piety. To a would-be recruit was put the question: "In times of difficulty and danger, in Whom do you put your trust?" The candidate replied: "In A—B—," giving his own name. "Oh! But you must reply 'In God,'" was the answer. "Is it essential that I should profess such a belief?" To which the good P.G.M. replied, emphatically but profanely, "By— it is." But what do such incidents prove? Nothing more, surely, than can be proved by citing equally true cases of wicked priests, and the Church's sometime questionable methods of suppressing doubt? It is more fitting that we should look for the good points of both, which both undoubtedly possess. The Church's detestation of Masonry, we believe, rests mainly on its threatment of the Confessional, a means of grace that has all along been one of the Church's strongest weapons. Protestants detest the idea of the Confessional, its abuses having impressed them more than its uses. They detest, also, the Papal discouragement of freedom of thought, unwitting that that policy, and that alone, has preserved intact the fundamentals of the Church for so many ages, and saved her from many of the scandalous bickerings and internal dissensions so conspicuous and consistent in the other forms of the Christian Church. As for Masonry, its rituals are pure and beautiful, and its ideals as altruistic and holy as any the Orthodox can claim; and if the majority of Masons come short in practice of the glory thereof, their professions, at any rate, have gone to show good intentions. In the discrepancies of practice and precept, neither the Masonic Pot nor the Ecclesiastical Kettle may call the other black. The facts have to come from "babes and sucklings" after all; and these have said that "faith is believing what you know ain't so," and "the ideal is the antithesis of the real." A small boy of our acquaintance, aged about eight, astonished his mother not long ago by breaking silence after a lengthy spell of meditation, with the remark: "Mamma! I have decided that there must be good and bad in all things." After which dictum, we think the hatchet ought to be buried at Shanghai.

His first address to the Legislative Council upon his appointment to the Governorship of Hongkong in 1899 Sir HENRY BLAKE said: "The most pressing public work at the present moment is the building of the New Law Courts, which blocks the way for the improvement of the Post Office, a building entirely insufficient and unsuited for the postal requirements of the Colony." At the end of Sir HENRY BLAKE's term of office the building of the New Law Courts was still "a most pressing public work." His Excellency, however, just before he left the Colony, had the satisfaction of laying the foundation stone of the building as well as of seeing the excavation work begun on a site for a new Post Office. For the delay in the execution of these works, red-tape entanglements were more responsible than inadequacy of funds, though five years ago the estimates had to be framed with "a rigid regard for economy." Such a programme of public works as figures in the Estimates presented to the Council last Thursday would have been impossible five

years ago. Sir MATTHEW NATHAN has the advantage of finding the revenue larger than it has ever been before, enabling long-needed public works to be taken up and actively carried out. His Excellency notes that the Government is committed to large expenditures, notably on waterworks and sanitary improvements, and that the list of public buildings in course of erection include besides the Law Courts and Post Office, a New Harbour Office, a Bacteriological Laboratory, and a market in the Western district. His Excellency pointed out in his address to the Council that the estimated expenditure on public works for 1905 represented 24 per cent. of the revenue. When Sir HENRY BLAKE began his reign there was a strong feeling in the Colony that more money should be devoted by the Government to Public Works Extraordinary, but it was pleaded to be impossible out of the revenue, a view which secured the endorsement of the Secretary of State for the Colonies. It is worth pointing out that in 1899 the expenditure of the Public Works Department represented 19 per cent. of the colonial revenue. The revenue has since increased more than 100 per cent., and about one-half the amount of that increase is given over to public works. The expenditure of the Public Works Department was represented in 1900 by the sum of \$630,000; in the Estimates for 1905, the Department asks for appropriations amounting to \$2,459,300.

The Colonial Estimates indicate the revenue to be steadily progressive. The actual revenue for 1903 was \$5,238,557; the revised estimate for the current year is \$6,763,391; while the estimate for 1905 is \$7,198,611. We find the most notable increase to be in respect of the Opium Monopoly. From this source in 1903 a revenue of only \$750,000 was derived by the Government, while in the estimates for 1905 the amount expected from this source is set down as \$2,220,000, which is \$245,000 more than the revised estimate for the current year. In respect of assessed taxes an increase of nearly \$100,000 is expected compared with the revised estimate for this year. Another satisfactory feature in the revenue account is the growth in the land revenue from the New Territories. In 1903 this item amounted to \$22,127; this year double the amount is expected, and next year it is estimated to produce \$75,000. In view of the public attention directed to the tree-felling which the Government endeavoured to justify at the meeting of the Council on Thursday it may be noted that the revenue expected from the sale of timber this year (the first year this item has figured in the estimates) is \$25,000, and next year \$36,700, which indicates that this vandalism is to proceed to an extent altogether unsuspected by the public.

It must be a source of great satisfaction to the community to observe that a large proportion of this increased revenue is being devoted to carrying out long-delivered though urgently needed public works. In the current year the sum appropriated for public works is about 34 per cent. of the estimated revenue, and the same proportion the Governor has pointed out is asked for in the estimates for 1905, though the actual amount is nearly half a million dollars more than is estimated to be spent this year. His Excellency spoke of the Budget as practically a Public Works Estimate, and that is precisely the kind of Budget the community desire to see. While the revenue is maintained at its present level there is no apparent reason why the percentage spent on public works should be lower than it is. Much, very much, requires to be done in Hongkong in the way of public improvements, and the sooner it is done the better, alike in the interests of the health and convenience of the present inhabitants and the future progress and prosperity of the Colony.

Saturday's plague return: nil.

U.S.S. *Helena*, gunboat, left for the Philippines on Saturday.

The German mail of the 17th August was delivered in London on the 16th inst.

Yesterday was the 32nd anniversary of the accession of King Oscar II. to the Throne of Sweden and Norway.

Reports concerning the second rice crop show that it is excellent both in quality and quantity all over San On and the New Territory.

A proposal is on foot to start a Cricket and Recreation Club for Kowloon. Such an institution would be a boon to residents on the Kowloon side.

The annual meeting of members of the Hongkong Football Club will take place in the Hongkong Hotel on Wednesday, 23rd inst., at 5.30 p.m.

A juvenile thief was on Saturday banished for the sixth time. He has been convicted of larceny at Hongkong about 14 times.

At 5.30 this evening the annual general meeting of the Craigengower Cricket Club will be held in the Pavilion at Wongnecheong.

The rateable value of the Colony stands according to the last assessment at \$9,890,521, which shows an increase of 13.03 per cent. in twelve months.

At the P.W.D. office to-day, at 3 p.m., two lots of Crown land will be put up for sale—one being situated at Tokwawan, Kowloon, and the other near Bowen Road.

The R.E. and the Torpedo Depot are said to be entering the Cricket League this season, which would bring the number of competing teams up to ten.

The British steamer *Avonley*, one of Watts, Watts & Co.'s boats (1,887 tons, built in 1881), which went ashore at Fusun last month, was insured for £13,000 free of particular average.

The increase of Crown rent in the New Territory is causing much discontent among farmers and squatters there, and considerable trouble is being experienced in the collection of it by the Government.

From all parts of the New Territory comes word of plentiful shooting. Snipe, which were a disappointing supply last season, are to be found in abundance. Pigeon also are plentiful, while paddy-birds are more numerous than ever.

Sir Henry Arthur Blake, G.C.M.G., having resigned the appointment, it is notified that His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G., has been pleased to accept the position of Honorary Colonel of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Gershom Stewart, provisionally and subject to His Majesty's confirmation, to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council in place of Charles Stewart Sharp, resigned.

According to a Peking telegram in a northern contemporary the Ministers for England and America are protesting against Viceroy Wei's remarkable regulations for the opening of Changsha, to which we recently drew attention in our leader columns.

The ranks of competitors in the Cricket League will this season have an addition in the shape of a Police XI. Mr. E. R. Hallifax is President, Inspector Langley Captain, and Sergeant Lander Vice-Captain. The formation of this Club will deprive the Civil Service C. C. of two men who did much for them last year—Lander and Dovener.

Some articles, says a Manila contemporary with an evident sigh of relief, are to be admitted to the Philippines free of duty after all. Scientific apparatus and books, and other merchandise imported for Government use, when the local market cannot supply the want, are now to come in free. The Commission has passed an Act to that effect.

Twenty-seven Chinese stowaways were brought back from Singapore on the s.s. *Pentakota*. Pending their trial, given into the custody of the Police they were locked up below decks, but as soon as the ship came to a stop twenty-three of their number made their escape through the port hole, a foot square, and got clear away. The four who remained did so because they were too bulky to get through the port hole.

One day last week a mysterious murder took place in a house in Queen's Road Central. A man applied for a burial warrant for the dead body of a male, but the official called in appears to have thought there was something suspicious about the dead man, and he ordered the body to be removed to the mortuary. There it was found that the man had been stabbed twice in the groin with a pair of scissors (this occurred in a tailor's shop) and the wounds filled up with tobacco. All traces of blood had been washed away. Further particulars are unobtainable, as the Police decline to tell anything concerning the affair.

Notice is given that the commanding officer (Commander C. E. Monroe, R.N.) of H.M.S. *Routledge* reports the existence of a shoal patch in the approach to Amoy Harbour, with Chapel Island bearing S. 8 degrees E. distant 6 miles and Chin-ho Point (S.E. point) bearing N. 87 degrees W. distant 4.6 miles. The least water at present obtained is 37 fathoms at low water of spring tides. A further examination will be made. Also, shoal of small extent, with Queney Pagoda, bearing N. 17 degrees E. distant 61-12 miles, and Taitan Lighthouse bearing N. 47 degrees W., with 43 fathoms at low water of spring tides. All bearings given are magnetic.

Saturday the Chief Justice, Sir Henry S. Berkeley, heard in Chambers an application for the release from gaol of a bankrupt named Han Hung Lung Lan, against whose estate a receiving order was made at Thursday's sitting of the Bankruptcy Court. Mr. John Hastings, solicitor, appeared in support of the application, and Mr. J. Hays, of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master, solicitors, appeared for the principal creditor. After the affidavit and other documents had been read His Lordship adjourned the application for two weeks, in order to enable the execution creditor to make further enquiries regarding the debtor's estate. The bankrupt remains in custody pending the completion of these enquiries.

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## TELEGRAMS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

## ROYAL BIRTH IN ITALY.

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[REUTER'S SERVICE]

## BIRTH OF AN ITALIAN PRINCE.

LONDON, 16th September. The Queen of Italy has given birth to a son. The infant is named Humbert, Prince of Piedmont.

[HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION]

The Hongkong Rifle Association on Saturday held a competition for spoons. There were 14 competitors. The light was poor for firing at 600 yards; it came on to rain. Here are the ten best cards, seven shots each from 200, 500 and 600 yards respectively:

A. Watson: 33, 32, 32—97.  
J. Parkes: 28, 34, 24—96.  
Lieut. Foster, S.E.: 27, 30, 27—94 (12) 96.  
Lieut. Napier, S.E.: 26, 28, 23—77 (18) 95.  
J. Andrew: 31, 34, 29—94.  
Lieut. C. H. Dumbell, S.E.: 30, 32, 29—90.  
Sergt. Thornhill, R.E.: 33, 29, 25—87.  
S. Ins. Davies: 31, 28, 24—83.  
J. C. Gow: 30, 31, 19—80 (3) 83.  
Naive Sheik: 24, 26, 29—79 (3) 82.

[POLICE RECREATION CLUB]

OPENING OF A BOWLING GREEN

AT TSIMSHATSUI.

With the advent of the Civil Service Recreation Club has come a reawakening in the Police Force in regard to athletics. It is interesting to recall that a Police cricket team was the pioneer Civil team to play at Happy Valley, and that the Police Sports used to be one of the main athletic events in Hongkong. But for several years a sort of lethargy appears to have come over the Force, and, excepting tennis, nothing in the way of physical recreation has been followed up.

This condition of things is evidently to be allowed to prevail no longer. Last season several members of the Police Force made very good appearances in the C.S.C.C., with the result that they are organising a team of their own this year and have secured a pitch as well as a tennis ground at Happy Valley beside the football field. At Tsimshatsui Station also, a bowling green and quoiting pitch have been laid out, and these were formally opened on Saturday afternoon by Mr. F. J. Badley, the Captain Superintendent of Police. The green is in front of the station. It has been taken up and dressed, with turf got from the New Territory, under the supervision of Inspector A. C. Langley of Tsimshatsui. At the opening ceremony there was quite a large number present, including many ladies, and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. Mr. Badley, who was accompanied by Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Deputy Superintendent of Police, opened the green by rolling a jack down each pitch. Sides were then picked as follows:

C.S.P.'s Team—Chief Inspector Baker, Inspector Cuthbert, Inspector Langley, Inspector Kerr, Acting Inspector Cameron, Sergt. Grant, and P.C. 123 Culiford.

D.S.P.'s Team—Chief Detective Inspector Hanson, Inspector Ford, Inspector Withers, Sergt. Clarke, Sergt. Clyde, P.C. 15 Parker, and P.C. 130 Culiford.

Mr. Badley's team won easily. On the first green his four scored 21 against their opponents' 10, and on the second 21—11. Greens were then changed, and his ends were again victorious with 21—14 and 21—15 respectively; that is to say, the C.S.P.'s team won by a total of 84 to 40.

Between the games tea and refreshments were served, and at the end of the last game Inspector Hanson on behalf of the Recreation Club thanked Mr. Badley and Mr. Hallifax for their presence, and said he hoped that would not be the last time they would appear on the ground.

Mr. Badley thanked the Club for their invitation and said it had been a great pleasure to him to be present. He had thoroughly enjoyed the games, and he thought Mr. Hallifax's team would be able to make a shape if they took some little practice. (Laughter) When the time came he would have much pleasure to come back and give them their revenge. He was pleased to see the interest which was being taken in sport and the Club. If, playing at bowls was any criterion of what their intentions were at cricket they should go into the Cricket League and win. On the completion of the Recreation Ground at Happy Valley, he added, he would have much pleasure in opening it in the same manner. (Applause).

P.C.'s Routledge and Davis acted as umpires in the bowling games. There were no matches at quoits, but several practice games were played, and some good talent made itself evident; but for most players the 6½ lbs. quoit and the 21 yards pitch made the sport rather strenuous. In a climate like this an 18 yards throw is quite enough.

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## HONGKONG JOTTINGS.

You might not think it, but there are times when I realize to the full, with pain and misgivings, my manifold mental limitations. One Dundreary, who gave his name to a special brand of whiskers, spoke of the existence of "things which no fellow can understand." Things of that kind—the un-understandable, not the whiskers—are constantly cropping up in Hongkong to confound my conceit in my own "savvy." I cannot, for instance, understand why, in a city where half the houses are officially stated to be tumbling down, house rent should be so confoundly dear. I know a moderately salaried person who is living in a house that isn't big enough to swing a cat in, and the monthly rent he pays is \$130. If he should ever want to go in for cat-swinging, his employer will have to raise his wages, or the tenant will have to take to lodgers. Either way it is a dilemma. The employer has enough to do to raise money to pay present wages, without raising them (you know what I mean), and in the other case, lodgers are proverbially averse to cats, swing or unswing.

Another thing that I cannot understand—and goodness knows I've tried hard—is that reply of the Colonial Secretary to the Hon. R. Shewan, at Thursday's Legislative Council meeting, about tree cutting. Ever since I was taught my catechism and its strict injunction to cut the parson and all set in authority over me, I have maintained a profound respect for those who know more than I do. There have been so many deaths in the last thirty or forty years that I have still lots of respect in reserve; and I can lay my right hand over the third-from-the-top button of my apaca waistcoat and declare, truthfully, and without the least suspicion of flippancy, that I have been exhaling double doses of respect for our Colonial Secretary ever since I saw what an excellent Governor he made.

The thing, *inter alia*, that I could not understand was this. The Colonial Secretary said: "In order to plant it is necessary to fell." When I read that, in the *Daily Press* on Friday morning, at the breakfast table, I looked at Mrs. Banyan and sternly asked her why she had not called me at the usual hour? I was under the impression you see, that I must still be in bed and dreaming. She said—well, mskew what she said. I realized that it was no dream. I pushed my coffee cup to one side (the right-hand corner of the table, it was) and my liver and bacon to the other. (The left hand side, I think, but am not sure.) Then I placed that little sentence right in front of me, leaned on both elbows, and looked it square in the eye. (It begins with an "i," and has two more further on.) There it was, without a doubt. I recited it aloud, deliberately, with a pause between each word. Mrs. Banyan remarked that if I continued to talk foolishness, she would leave the table. Astonishing how quickly the feminine intuition enables them to hit the nail on the head, isn't it? Well, I grappled with that remark once more, and again it baffled me.

I tried several analogies. "In order to live, it is necessary to die." No. Except General Booth, nobody exists nowadays, not even the missionaries in China. "In order to save the cake it is necessary to eat it." "In order to bank a dollar it is necessary to spend it." No. These didn't help. One might save a dollar by signing a chit (especially since that recent Shanghai decision), but—why, of course. *Wa ta siom!* It's those silly reporters again. The Colonial Secretary never said it. I looked up the other papers. They were all guilty of the same libel. He must have said it.

I gave it up, and went out later to see a man about it. How he did laugh! "Ha-ha-ha! Fancy a Banyan not understanding forestry," he said. When his smile had evaporated (he took lemon and two lumps with it) he gave me his opinion. The Colonial Secretary meant, he said, that you have to make room for the young trees by rooting out the old 'uns. I said it sounded cruel. He quoted that other sentence of the reply: "If the mature trees were not gradually replaced by young ones, these advantages would soon be lost." I said it would be soon enough to replace them when they got too old to be useful, which is the policy followed by Governments and Corporations who have no sentiment. I said that forests had a habit, if left alone, of repairing their own dilapidations. I said "the usual methods employed" are the methods employed when growing trees for timber, for filthy lucre. I said the mowing of huge swathes of trees didn't seem to fit with the talk about gradual replacement. I said some other things, and had more to say, but the man went away and began to chafe his egs.

The wonderfully tenacious vitality shown by the Chinese has been commented upon by more than one European observer of their national characteristics. A striking instance was brought to my notice the other day. A fisherman was brought down from Saikong, in the New Territory, with both legs and part of his head blown off as the result of a premature blast when fishing with dynamite. His people asked that he be allowed to go to hospital. He was sent there, and, notwithstanding his terrible injuries, he had so far recovered in less than six weeks that he was able to leave the institution and rejoin his family.

Once more the Colony is free of plague, but the publication of another Colonial Bluebook on the subject serves but to tell us that the St. Georges who for years have been combatting with the hydra-headed dragon have not yet killed him. How many millions of dollars the fight has already cost the Colonial Treasury no man has probably fully calculated. Under the heading of Plague in the Estimates of the Sanitary

Department we have but part of the cost, and this part amounts in the current year to \$115,000, while a reduction of only \$11,000 is estimated for next year, though the framers of the Estimates hope and expect that in the actual expenditure a larger reduction will be shown. But in reaching an idea of the cost of fighting the plague we have to note that under this heading in the Estimates there is no mention of the salaries of the staff employed excepting the coolie labour. It would not therefore be over the mark to say that the plague is costing the Colonial Treasury something like \$160,000 a year. (What it costs the port in the form of loss of trade is incalculable.) There are no Pied Pipers in these days to charm away rodents and cockroaches and insects which scientists tell us carry the plague germ and infect the food they are able to get at: the Sanitary authorities have to exterminate them with rat poison and traps, disinfectants, paint soap and turpentine. As if the origin and dissemination of plague are explained by the latest theories of the investigators the plague item in the Estimates I am afraid is one of a permanent character. What yet remains to be discovered is how rats and insects manage to get the plague germ out of their bodies in Hongkong and some of the neighbouring cities of China while elsewhere they have it not. When the experts are able to answer that question we shall get within measurable distance of eradicating the terrible scourge.

## BANYAN.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Cricket Club takes place at the City Hall at 5.30 p.m. tomorrow. The report is as follows:—

The Treasurer's cash account shows a balance to the credit of the Club of \$4,018.67 on "General" account and \$7,274.00 on "New Pavilion" account. The latter will be increased by \$3,250 when all the debenture-holders have taken up their holdings.

The club sent a team up to Shanghai in October last which defeated the home XI. by an innings and 23 runs. The thanks of the Club are due to the Shanghai community for the generous hospitality extended to our representatives during their visit.

The club played fifteen cricket matches against the navy, garrison, etc., of which nine were won, three lost, and three drawn. There were also played eight other matches (such as "Public Schools and Universities v. The Rest," etc.).

Mr. W. C. D. Turner heads the batting averages with 55.31, and Mr. C. R. S. Cooper is first in bowling with an average of 10.30 for 20 wickets.

The following scores of 100 and over were made:—Mr. W. C. D. Turner, 198, 115 (not out), and 104; Lieut. W. F. Lansdown, R.A., 136 (against Shanghai); Mr. R. Hancock, 130; and Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, 101.

In October last the Hongkong Cricket League was formed and did much to stimulate local cricket. Eight clubs joined and the H.K.C.C. was represented by the "Reserve" team, from which seventeen of the more prominent players of the club and all Naval and Army members were excluded. After making a bad start the "Reserve" team improved considerably and eventually took fourth place in the competition. At the close of the season a fairly strong Club XI. met XV. selected players of the League Clubs and won an interesting game by 31 runs.

The old pavilion was demolished, and in accordance with the resolution passed at the extraordinary general meeting held on February 12th, the building of the new pavilion was commenced in April last. The latter is now rapidly approaching completion.

The Government has granted the club a license to take in the pathway on the north side of the Cricket Ground, and this matter will be brought forward at the annual general meeting.

The invitations extended to the Singapore and Shanghai Cricket Clubs to send teams here for an Interport Cricket week have been accepted and the first match is provisionally fixed for November 11th.

The annual lawn tennis match against the L.S.C. was played on April 29th and resulted in a win for the Cricket Club by 81 games to 77.

The annual lawn tennis tournament was played during April and May. The championship was again won by Mr. H. Hancock. The "A" class singles handicap was won by Mr. A. Humphreys and the "B" class singles handicap by Mr. R. Manning. Messrs. H. and R. Hancock won the doubles handicap, and the Hon. J. M. Atkinson and Mr. Sercombe Smith were the winners of the professional pairs.

The annual racquet tournament was played in April. The championship was again won by Mr. H. Hancock, who also won the singles handicap and, with his brother, Mr. R. Hancock, the doubles handicap.

The thanks of the club are due to the officers of H.M. Navy and Army who so kindly lent their bands; to Mr. P. W. Goldring for making out the cricket averages, and to Mr. A. R. Lowe for auditing the accounts.

Lieut. Rivington, S.E., and Lieut. Solheit, R.N., resigned their places on our committee on leaving the colony, and Major Chichester and Mr. A. Wilson, R.N., were elected in their stead. Mr. H. Arthur has also left the colony, but his place has not been filled.

Mr. A. G. Ward retires from the posts of secretary and treasurer at the end of this month, and Mr. A. R. Lowe has been appointed to succeed him.

During the year 83 new members joined the club. The total number of members is now 478, and there are 130 naval subscribers.

The annual general meeting will be held in the City Hall on Tuesday, September 20th, 1904, at 5.30 p.m.

Hongkong, September 14th, 1904.

## V.R.C. AQUATIC SPORTS.

Victoria Recreation Club on Saturday afternoon closed their aquatic season with an off day to the recent sports; and afterwards Mrs. Barnes-Lawrence, presented her with a handsome bouquet of flowers, saying it was the first time that she had visited the Club, but they hoped to see her there again (Applause).

Three cheers were afterwards given for the ladies of Hongkong; and three for the Hon. Secretary of the Club.

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H. F. CHARD,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th September, 1904. [2243]

## CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members of the above Club will be held at the PAVILION, Wong Nei Chong Recreation Ground, To day, the 19th September, at 5.30 P.M.

By Order,

A. E. ASGER,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th September, 1904. [2244]

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J. M. BECK,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 19th September, 1904. [2245]

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OIAL NIELSEN,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 19th September, 1904. [2246]

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Hongkong, 17th September, 1904. [2213]

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Hongkong, 17th September, 1904. [2239]

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By Order,

C. H. GRACE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th September, 1904. [2190]

## HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members of the above Club will be held in the CITY HALL, on TUESDAY, September 20th, at 5.30 P.M.

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## ARRIVALS.

ACHILLES, British str., 4,483, O. P. Williams, 18th Sept., Liverpool and Singapore 13th September, General—Buttersfield & Swire, ALMENA, German str., 2,769, H. Petersen, 17th September, Manila 13th September, General—Carlowitz & Co. CARL DIEDERICHSEN, German str., 774, H. Schlikier, 17th Sept., Haiphong 13th September, General—Jensen & Co. HARTAN, British str., 1,183, J. S. Reach, 18th Sept., Foochow via Amoy and Swatow 15th September, General—Douglas Lapraik & Co. INDEPENDENT, German str., 1,100, F. Weidlich, 18th Sept., Moji 12th Sept., Coal—Order. JACOB DIEDERICHSEN, German str., 723, B. Olson, 16th Sept., Pakhoi and Hoihow 15th Sept., General—Jobson & Co. KARIE, Swedish str., 686, G. Peterson, 17th September, Newchwang and Chetoo 11th September, General—Order. ORANGE, Norwegian str., 1,001, J. Daurevig, 16th Sept., Bangkok 8th Sept., Rice and Coal—Sender, Wieler & Co. PENTAKOTA, British str., 3,400, C. Willis, 18th September—Singapore 13th Sept., General—Order. PHRA-NANG, German str., 1,621, A. Schmid, 18th Sept., Bangkok 11th Sept., Rice—Buttersfield & Swire. PLEIADES, American str., 3,753, F. G. Purrington, 17th Sept., Manila 13th September, General—Dowdell & Co. RANEY, British str., 3,634, W. S. Cowan, 17th Sept., Rangoon 5th Sept., Rice—Jardine, Matheson & Co. SAMSEN, German str., 998, F. Rehwoldt, 18th September—Bangkok 11th Sept., Rice—Molchers & Co. TSINTAU, German str., 1,002, O. Koch, 16th September, Keelung (Bangkok), 10th September, Rice, Teakwood and General—Buttersfield & Swire. WAHOKA, British str., 1,167, W. Brown, 17th Sept., Hoihow 16th Sept., General—Chinese. CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

17th September.

Ankenyden, British str., for Moji. Kongwei, German str., for Swatow.

## DEPARTURES.

16th September.

HUDSON, British str., for New York.

17th September.

APENNADE, German str., for Hoihow.

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18th September.

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17th September.

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CHANGSHA		Brit. str.	Moore	NIKON YUSEN KAISHA	21st inst., Noon.
YANATA MARU		Brit. str.	A. E. Moses	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
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FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The *Satellite*, with the French mail of the 19th ult., left Singapore on Monday, the 12th inst., at 6 p.m., and may be expected here to-day. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 16th July.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Canton	Monday	19th, 7.30 A.M.
Swatow, Singapore and Bangkok	Monday	19th, 8.00 A.M.
Hainan	Monday	19th, 9.00 A.M.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma	Monday	19th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Monday	19th, 1.15 P.M.
Batavia and Newchwang	Monday	19th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Monday	19th, 3.00 P.M.
Port Denison, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, and Perth	Monday	19th, 3.00 P.M.
Hainan and Haiphong	Monday	19th, 3.00 P.M.
Pukhio	Monday	19th, 3.00 P.M.
Canton	Monday	19th, 4.00 P.M.
Kongkoon, Kauchuk, Samshui, Shuitung, Takking and Wuchow	Monday	19th, 5.00 P.M.
Nantao	Monday	19th, 5.00 P.M.
Sanbue	Monday	19th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Monday	19th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Monday	19th, 5.00 P.M.
Baukio	Monday	19th, 5.00 P.M.
Singapore	Monday	19th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Monday	19th, 5.00 P.M.
Amoy	Monday	19th, 5.00 P.M.
EUROPE, &c., India via Taticorin	Monday	11th to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)		
Macao	Monday	19th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Monday	19th, 5.00 P.M.
Manila	Monday	19th, 5.00 P.M.
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Shanghai, Yokohama and Kobe	Monday	19th, 5.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Monday	19th, 5.00 P.M.
Ningpo and Shanghai	Monday	19th, 5.00 P.M.
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## TO-DAY.

Sale, Crown Land, Public Works Department, 3 p.m.

## COMMERCIAL.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

17th September.

ON LONDON.—  
Telegraphic Transfer ..... 1.93<sup>3</sup>  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... 1.92<sup>3</sup>  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ..... 1.91<sup>3</sup>  
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 1.16<sup>3</sup>  
Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 1.10<sup>3</sup>  
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight ..... 1.07<sup>3</sup>

ON PARIS.—  
Bank Bills on demand ..... 229<sup>3</sup>  
Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 233

ON GERMANY.—  
On demand ..... 186

ON NEW YORK.—  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... 44<sup>3</sup>

Credits, 60 days' sight ..... 45<sup>1</sup>

ON HONGKONG.—  
Telegraphic Transfer ..... 136

Bank on demand ..... 136

ON CALCUTTA.—  
Telegraphic Transfer ..... 136

Bank on demand ..... 136

ON SHANGHAI.—  
Bank, at sight ..... 71<sup>1</sup>

Private, 30 days' sight ..... 72<sup>1</sup>

ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand ..... 84<sup>1</sup>

ON MANILA.—On demand ..... 89<sup>1</sup>

ON SINGAPORE.—On demand ..... 51 p.c. pm.

ON BATAVIA.—On demand ..... 109<sup>1</sup>

ON HAIKHONG.—On demand ..... 13 p.c. pm.

ON SAIGON.—On demand ..... 61<sup>1</sup>

ON BANGKOK.—On demand ..... 109<sup>1</sup>

SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate ..... 109<sup>1</sup>

GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael ..... 857.10

BAR SILVER, per tael ..... 264

OPIUM.

16th September.

Quotations are—Allow 'em not to 1 catty.

Malwa-New ..... \$1160 to \$1180 per picul

Malwa-Old ..... \$1200 to \$1240 "

Malwa-V. Old ..... \$1230 to \$1340 "

Persian fine quality \$900 to — "

Persian extra fine \$925 to — "

Patna-New ..... \$1115 to — per chest.

Patna-Old ..... S. — to — "

Banaras-New ..... \$1055 to — "

Banaras-Old ..... \$1130 to — "

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

Sept. 9th—Prinz Regent Luitpold, Ningchow, Nurnberg, Oceanian, 13th—Sardinia (P. & O.)

14th—Armenia, 16th—Bucintaur, Keemun, Seneca, Silverkip.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Pentakota*, from Singapore, Capt. S. Boon.

Per *Haiyan*, from Coast Ports, Rev. and Mrs. Bunbury, Mr. and Mrs. Currie, Rev. Redler, Dr. Mansell, and Mr. Roese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Zafiro*, for Manila, Mrs. M. H. Richey, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Lathinger, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bell, Mrs. M. S. Card, Mrs. T. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hamilton, Master Wm. Dorie Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Botello; Misses N. Lorimer and E. Buzzell, Messrs. G. S. Applegate, F. E. Raab, Wm. H. Gardner, C. D. Uplington, Arthur Richey, A. Benson, D. Wadham, R. Wadham, T. Haslam, H. S. Cameron, H. N. Bramham, I. P. Fraser, T. Young, E. P. Bras, P. M. Filmer, E. L. Filmer, F. H. Phillips, C. Francke, R. F. Moss, R. Gloria, J. Gloria, and Luis Bates.

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## JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 16th September.

COMPANY. PAID UP. QUOTATIONS.

Banks—

Hongkong & Shanghai ..... \$125

National Bank of China ..... \$28

A. Shares ..... \$28

B. Shares ..... \$21

Four Shares ..... \$10

Bol'st Asbestos E. & I. ..... \$12.00

Canton-Hongkong Ice ..... \$10

Campbell, Macra & Co. ..... \$10

China Borneo Co. ..... \$12

China Light & Power Co. ..... \$10

China Sugar ..... \$100

Printed Matter and Sam- ples ..... \$10.00 A.M.

Registration ..... 10.00 A.M.

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